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¶1. (U) Embassy conveyed talking points contained in reftel to Dr. Teguh Rahardjo, Deputy Minister for Research, Science and Technology Program, State Ministry for Research and Technology, and to his deputy, Ir. Nada Marsudi, on August 11. Dr. Rahardjo expressed appreciation for the information and indicated the government of Indonesia (GOI) would directly submit nominations to the organizers of the Research and Innovation Symposium during the week of August 11.

¶2. (SBU) Dr. Rahardjo advised that he is the new APEC Industrial Science and Technology Working Group (ISTWG) focal point for the GOI. Rahardjo and Marsudi explained that for budgetary reasons, the GOI typically sends representatives to only one ISTWG meeting per year, generally in Singapore. They welcomed the opportunity for subsidized travel for two GOI representatives to the upcoming symposium.
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